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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in Response to the Office Action mailed September 16, 2002, for the above-captioned patent application. This response is submitted on or before October 16, 2002. In connection with the above-captioned application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following amendment and remarks concerning election of designated claim group and election of species.

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